

SSI Program

Basis for Eligibility

Recipients by basis for eligibility and age, December 1998.

One-fifth of the SSI recipients had been awarded benefits on the basis of age; most of the rest on the basis of disability. One-third of the recipients were aged 65 or older. In the SSI program—unlike the OASDI program—a disabled recipient can be aged 65 or older. (DI beneficiaries are converted to the retirement program when they attain age 65.) Among SSI recipients aged 65 or older, 33% were disabled.

SSI recipients, by basis for eligibility

